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SUMMARY: EMBOFF MADE DEMARCHE (REF. B) AUGUST 3 TO MFA
OFFICIAL WHO NOTED THAT GOT HAS SUPPORTED "IRISH FORMULA."
HE SAID GOT WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ANY FORMULATION ON
CONTINENTAL SHELF WHICH CONTAINS LANGUAGE ON NATURAL
PROLONGATION OF LAND TERRITORY AND WHICH DOES NOT PREJUDICE
TURKISH INTERESTS VIS-A-VIS GREECE. MFA OFFICIAL AGREED
SOVIET FORMULA NOT LIKELY TO GAIN CONSENSUS. ON ISSUE OF
REVENUE SHARING, OFFICIAL NOTED THAT IT IS LINKED TO FIRST
COMMITTEE QUESTIONS WHICH TURKS FEAR MAY CAUSE
PROLONGED CONTROVERSY AND DISTRACT FROM OTHER,
"NOT LESS IMPORTANT" MATTERS. GOT REPRESENTATION
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TO RESUMED SEVENTH SESSION WILL BE "SLIGHT-

RESTRICTED." OFFICIAL EXPRESSED UNUSUAL PERSONAL
OPTIMISM ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF MOVEMENT TOWARD
"OFFICIAL" EIGHTH SESSION. END SUMMARY.

1. AUGUST 3, EMBOFF MADE REF B DEMARCHE TO FOREIGN

MINISTRY SECTION HIEF IN CHARGE OF LOS MATTERS, SUHA UMAR. IN RESPONSE, UMAR NOTED THAT GOT HAS SUPPORTED "IRISH FORMULA" TO DATE, EVEN THOUGH IT DEREIVES NO DIRECT BENEFIT FROM IT. UMAR ADDED THAT GOT HAS NO NEW CONCEPT TO OFFER AND WILL SUPPORT "IRISH FORMULA" OR ANY OTHER COMPROMISE WHICH PROTECTS TURKISH INTERESTS. ACCORDING TO GOT, ANY LOS FORMULATION: 1) MUST RETAIN LANGUAGE ON NATURAL PROLONGATION OF LAND TERRITORY IN DEFINITING OF CONTINENTAL SHELF AND 2) IMPORTANCE OF THIS ELEMENT IN DEFINITION MUST NOT BE LESS THAN IT IS NOW.

2. UMAR AGREED THAT FORMULA PUT FORWARD BY USSR PROBABLY CANNOT OBTAIN CONSENSUS, EVEN THOUGH IT IS LESS COMPLEX THAN "IRISH FORMULA." HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT DURING RESUMED SEVENTH SESSION FINAL COMPROMISE BETWEEN GEOLOGICAL AND GEOMORPHOLOGICAL FORMULATIONS MAY BE REQUIRED.

3. REGARDING REVENUE SHARING, UMAR OBSERVED THAT SHARING OF RESOURCES, I.E., NUMBER OF YEARS AND PERCENTAGES, ARE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS WITHOUT DIRECT IMPACT ON TURKEY. THE GOT, ACCORDING TO UMAR, IS CONCERNED THAT RESOURCE ISSUES MAY LEAD TO BICKERING IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE WHICH WILL DISTRACT FROM OTHER, CONFIDENTIAL

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"NOT LESS IMPORTANT" QUESTIONS.

4. ASKED ABOUT GOT REPRESENTATION AT THE RESUMED SEVENTH SESSION, UMAR RESPONDED THAT THE GOT IS SENDING A "SLIGHTLY RESTRICTED" GROUP. THE DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW NAMIK YALGA. OTHER REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE RIZA TURMEN FROM OTTAWA, MEHMET GUNEY, WHO IS LEGAL AFVISOR FROM THE HAGUE, UMAR REPRESENTING THE MFA, AND SEVERAL OTHERS.

5. UMAR SAID THE GOT IS AWARE THAT MUCH ADVANCE WORK IS BEING DONE TO ASSURE THAT PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE DURING RESUMED SEVENTH SESSION. ALTHOUGH IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL, HE EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT EMERGENCE OF A FORMALIZED TEXT FOLLOWING THE NEW YORK SESSION COULD LEAD TO "OFFICIAL" EIGHTH SESSION. IN HIS VIEW, PROLONGED PERIOD MAY BE REQUIRED BEFORE CONVOCA-TION OF EIGHT SESSION SINCE CONFEREES WOULD NEED TO FORMALIZE VIEWS AND PREPARE STATEMENTS AND RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE. (COMMENT: UMAR, WHO IS GENERALLY RESERVED IN HIS ASSESSMENTS O LOS NEGOTIATIONS, SEEMED UNUSUALLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT

PROSPECTS FOR MOVEMENT TOWARD A COMPLETED LOS
TREATY DURING THE UPCOMING SESSION IN NEW YORK.)
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